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**Recovery Act
Putting Local People
To Work**

**44 from Grant and
Harney County
Oregon**

Forest restoration and fuel reduction projects funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery) are making a difference on the Malheur National Forest and surrounding communities.

“We feel this will have a significant economic impact on our local communities,” said Doug Gochmour, Forest Supervisor. “We’ve awarded a lot of contracts and we’ve also hired extra people to perform forest restoration and survey work on the Forest.”

Survey work being done includes wildlife, soil, botany, archeological and stream surveys. Marking crews are also out preparing areas for future forest restoration related projects and sales.

Most employees hired with funding have stated that they would not be working at this time if not for the extra jobs provided by Recovery.

Recovery funding is providing skilled local workers the opportunity to work and is allowing the forest to complete several large scale projects.



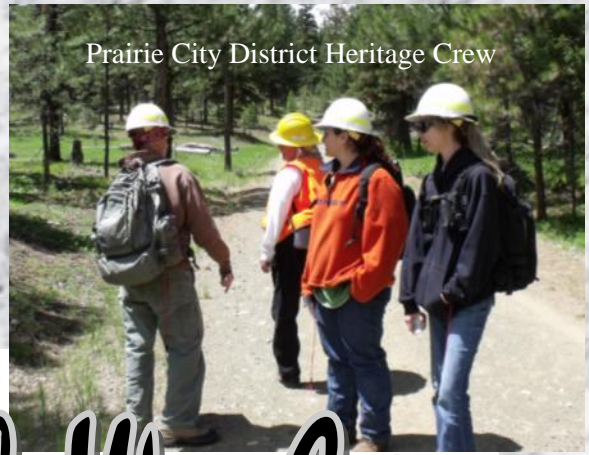
Emigrant Creek District Wildlife Crew



Emigrant Creek District Heritage Crew



Prairie City District Heritage Crew



Off To Work We Go

Quotes From Folks



Thad Hilman of Burns, “It is terrific to be working; things were not looking good, I love working in the outdoors, and I am gaining knowledge and skills for future employment opportunities. I really have a different perspective of the Forest Service since starting this job, the folks on the Malheur have welcomed me and I feel like part of the family.”

“Words can not explain what this job means to me, it is a true blessing,” Pat Brewster, Harney County resident.

“I am getting steady work due to this funding. Without it, I would probably only be doing a little private work here and there.” Grant County contractor Brad Browning

Fellow resident Denis McCormick “Yea, I might be working without this, but who knows where or doing what.”



Local contractor J. D. Majors, “Without this contract, I would be bankrupt and have lost my equipment. I now have enough work for the season.”

